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SUBJECT: NORWAY CONSIDERING SUPPORT FOR ANA

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1.(U) The Norwegian Ministry of Defense is considering support to the ANA as requested in reftel but is looking for more specifics on what the money will do. MOD Security Policy Staff gave no indication on what the ultimate answer would be but did mention that the budget situation for the coming year was not expected to be good, making such a commitment difficult. MFA Security Policy Director, Steffen Kongstad said the same thing and added that the GON has a clear preference for civilian and humanitarian aid. Kongstad did admit that this type of assistance would need to come from the MOD.  
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